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The State Capitol.

The first impression that must come the State Capitol at Albany is that the Crown for permission to introduce slone had permanent value, has been stated as a "reform in the constitution destroyed. The collection of documents, of the present House of Lords," and the written records of the State and of Lord LANSDOWNE's setting a date for the colony which was before the State, the discussion of the motion indicates tion, these are gone, lost, it would seem. fireproof vaults is so simple and inex- amble of Mr. Asquith's "veto" bill. pensive for things at once priceless and easy to preserve.

After this positive and definite emotion there must come to every citizen life a panorama, a sort of moving pic- for the purpose of passing Mr. ASQUITH'S and its most depressing evidence in England, we imagine, have looked on some half forgotten disgrace.

checked in the Assembly Chamber after system of government to ridicule. the flames had destroyed the papier-

were yards and yards of unfinished work, boarded over, left rough and incomplete, because no administration, no party dared again to reopen the long chapter of scandal and shame which had attended every building operation since the Legislature of the middle '60s first authorized the construction of a capitol building to cost \$4,000,000. Today it has cost more than \$25,000,000, and when yesterday's fire swept it there was still on all sides the proof of how much remained to be done, while the great tower which was to dominate all, like the City Hall tower in Philadelphia, had long been abandoned because nothear the weight.

the Capitol in some fashion connects fight. and forward in the narrow halls between secret stairway from the Executive dates nominated by petition. Chamber, recently abolished, had its share in the unwritten history of those

But always, in all the administrations case cracked, architects, engineers, lation was essentially direct. mediable, for the Capitol at Albany believed in a gradual rather than a state of incandescence. was founded upon a quicksand and sudden change, memorialized the Leg-

from the Adirondacks. The rooms, ill the Cobb bill or "half loaf" plan.

were used, crowded, dingy, the struc- the fighting ground of the extra session the sacred civil service statutes should incidental beautiful details, it was, and manded a very wide Republican support erally Mr. AHEARN'S ways should be political conditions of the years in which it was erected. And if one sought a contrast, none more eloquent could be found than that supplied by the simple, dignified old State Hall across the narrow park.

It is inevitable, presumably, that the State Capitol should be "restored." Such a restoration will unquestionably 70 preserve all the hideous, unsanitary, clumsy details which render it unsuited for the purposes for which it was built. luxury of appointment and a machinery of efficiency utterly lacking and impossiof a new capitol necessary.

Nor is there reason to believe that such a total destruction would have been "restoration," to which the experienced long memories must now look forward with apprehension and disgust

Lord Lansdowne's First Step.

Lord LANSDOWNE is simply following precedents and the usual course of to every one who reads of the fire in business when he proposes to petition whatever has been saved, that which a bill that will limit its prerogatives and was of greatest value, in fact that which powers. The object in view is clearly the surviving evidence of Dutch and that he has some scheme of reform British as well as of State administra- ready and that he is in earnest in advancing it. The question of the reform because of the same carelessness, the of the Lords has been before the public same folly, which finds its manifesta- for some years now, it was an issue in tion in every State, neglect to provide the last election, and it is acknowledged the protection which in these days of to be under consideration by the pre-

There seems to be no excuse, therefore for hysterical excitement over Lord LANSDOWNE's announcement, by interpreting it to mean that he wishes to of New York who has reached middle block the possible creation of new peers ture of the generation and more of State | bill should the present House of Lords history which has left its most accurate prove recalcitrant. Few persons in that huge and hideous building on the the swamping of the Lords by a whole-Albany hill, every stone, every chamber, sale creation of hundreds of peerages as every hall of which has an intimate likely. A Government which has shown association with some scandal that once itself prepared to alter the Constitution shook the State. The mere catalogue essentially will hardly feel bound, in of the rooms reached by the fire in its trying to enforce its views, to hold march must awaken the recollection of to an antiquated procedure of doubtful constitutionality which in this in-The fire seems at last to have been stance will expose it and the British

The motion which Lord LANSDOWNE mache ceiling. To-day after nearly announces, however, contains nothing twenty years there are still men' in re- that interferes with the Crown's pretirement, forgotten, men whose public rogatives or with the Prime Minister's life opened with promise and ended be- privilege of recommending as many new cause they shared in that conspiracy by peerages as he chooses. Mr. Asquith which there was substituted for quar- can safely advise the King to grant the tered oak poor papier-mâché, which in petition. The limitations will appear in its turn replaced a splendid vaulted the bill that will follow and that must stone ceiling, removed to make way for obtain the royal assent, which means this job. The Assembly staircase, which the Government's approval, before it year after year has cracked and sagged, can become law. Now that the elec- the Hon. SERENO E. PAYNE tried it not rests upon a foundation of quicksand, tion excitement has subsided both so many years ago, and he still wears box office over which the earliest builders spread | parties have been talking more sensibly puddled clay to deceive the inspectors. in Parliament. So far Mr. ASQUITH A house that never was completed has made no threat of making new was this State Capitol, for if one pene- peers as the means of putting his meastrated into the upper corridors there ures through the Lords, and only a timorous and unreasoning Radical can make more out of Lord LANSDOWNE'S announcement than a necessary formality

The 1911 "Model" of Direct Primaries.

It is obviously too early to attempt any textual analysis of the direct primaries measure which has just been introduced into the Senate and Assembly by the majority leaders in those bodies and doubtless represents the views of the guides. Fresh from a city too young Governor on this question. But it is possible from the press notices to make the foundations of the structure could a general comparison with the several bills which last year supplied the occa-In the political history of the State sion for a long and stirring legislative

itself with all the administrations from | In the first place the new measure. LUCIUS ROBINSON to JOHN A. DIX. the Wagner-Smith bill we presume it ALONZO B. CORNELL was inaugurated will be called, has absolutely nothing in the Assembly Chamber, which a in common with the Hinman-Green year before had been dedicated. CLEVE- bill. That did not provide for real LAND went from the Executive Chamber direct primary nominations in the first to the White House, and ROOSEVELT instance, but for a system of party comfollowed him after a few years. The mittee nominations, which were to be whole rise and fall of the Hill machine, made by various party committeemen of the Platt machine and the final decay elected at direct primaries. But under of Republican rule in the State itself, the Hughes system the ticket named by these were the result of the planning the committeemen was to be submitted and the plotting which moved backward to the people on a primary ballot on which it had the preferential place, the second and third stories; even the together with the names of other candi-

The committee provision of Hughes legislation was its original con- of which was for some time a mystery, was applied to all party nominations; countenance of the Hon. John F. from 1870 to the Hughes administration, abolished a State convention for nomi- AHEARN, twice elected President of the the State Capitol at regular intervals nating a State ticket, although supplying Borough of Manhattan, and once re- reference to Mr. Harmon the Governorship of has obtraded itself upon the attention a party council to formulate a State moved from that important office by of the people of the State by the sudden platform. Under the Hughes system all the Hon. CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, discovery of some new scandal, some the committeemen were to be elected at largely at the instigation and through new betrayal of faith, some larceny of a direct primary, were to be nominated the activities of the Hon. GEORGE public money. A ceiling fell, a stair- by petition, and in this detail the legis- MCANENY. Mr. AHEARN'S successor in

aned for the purposes for which they It was the Cobb bill which supplied or bad patches in the pavements, that grimly.

ture itself lacking any dignity, despite last year. That was the bill which com- be obeyed to the letter, and that genthat the followers of Mr. ROOSEVELT and

small units, for members of the Legislatures. State and national; for practi- period of unprecedented cheerfulness. cally all candidates for elective office For the simplest and least ambitious aside from those running with the whole provide a committee variety of direct nominations. On the contrary, it apparble to attain in the State Capitol. Since ently accepts the direct system as acit was impossible to save the records or tually employed in the "progressive" the memorials of that history which the States of the middle West, a system by State may remember with greatest pride, which the enrolled party members vote fire did not complete its work, make didate has the advantage of the indorserestoration impossible and the building ment of the committee representing the and uplifted borough. party or "regular" organization.

The Democratic measure thus adopts the territorial limitations accepted by more expensive in the end than this Governor HUGHES after his first defeat and indorsed by Mr. ROOSEVELT in his MCANENY; the truckman, the pleasure taxpayers and the citizens of reasonably message to the Republican members of driver, the humble pedestrian, all speak the Legislature at the extra session, It rejects the variety of direct prioperation, and places itself in line with the less conservative and less restricted form used very generally in direct primary States.

The Democratic measure will, we presume, be attacked because it does not include the State officers, but neither did the Hughes measure as it finally became a party measure in the State does not reproduce the "party committhe importation into New York of a be left for that gentle soul? system which has produced many and varying results in the States in which it has been tried. Of these three criticisms, only the last seems to have any justification in fact.

Secretary MacVeagh's Mistake.

Now comes Secretary MacVEAGH. with wanton and iconoclastic hand outstretched to extinguish forty-one time honored American custom houses at a single stroke. He has found that they do not "pay." To things of grace and beauty he applies the coarse standards of the market place.

This comes of long dwelling in Philistia. No allowance is made for romance. and utility is the measuring rod of virtue. Suppose that only two of the fortyone custom houses now branded as der elicts cleared a ship last year; suppose that only two others received entries of merchandise; suppose that ten did not collect a penny, and suppose that at thirty-one of these ports it has cost the United States anywhere from \$12 what of it! Are we to abolish these simple and inexpensive retreats in obediance to a brutal instinct of thrift? Well, he scars of the free fight that ensued. From Saco, Me., to Brownsville, Tex., variably insisted on since the popular Saturday nights have been abandored. and from Coos Bay, Ore., to Brunswick, Ga., the beneficiaries arose and their various champions in Congress took up Excalibur and smote with might. The fraywasexceedingly bitter, if somewhat brief, and the rotund form of Payne brief and smote with might are been abandored.

I have never experienced anything but courtesy and address was adorned with stores of allusions and quotations from the poets of all ages, especially Wardsworth. Tennyson of all ages, especially Wardsworth. Tennyson and Stdney Lanter. His thought culminated in variation in the pathway of natural sand Stdney Lanter. His thought culminated in variation in the pathway of natural sand Stdney Lanter. His thought culminated in variation in the pathway of natural escape for fire and smoke from the windwardsworth's "Primrose on the Rock," and in quoting this he closed.

The Song of Carr and Craig.

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Mr. MACVEAGH is unconscious of the The Secretary is led astray by false for reverence and with no traditions to improve it, he does not understand the where things never change and where, far from the madding crowd, customs collectors sit undisturbed by commerce, content with their meagre salaries and cherishing a solemn faith in the institutions on which they live and thrive. The venerable retreat of Saco, the slow lagoons of Beaufort, are outside of his philosophy. But they will arise against him and the penurious scheme "a call." "From whom?" the colored brother in outred. "From whom?" the colored brother feel bad. The service the colored brother minister. After the intended to leave and go to another church. This made one of the colored brother minister. After the intended to leave and go to another church. This made one of the colored brother minister. After the intended to leave and go to another church. The service the colored brother minister water and the church as the colored brother minister. After the intended to leave and go to another church. The bad a liking for the minister water and the church as the colored brother minister. After the intended to leave and go to another church. The bad a liking for the minister water and the church as the colored brother water and the church as the colored brother water and the church as the colored brother water and the c he has at heart. They will exhibit their

The Smile of Mr. Ahearn.

That brilliant illumination which flooded the Borough of Manhattan all him! the vesterday and last evening, the source tribution to direct primary history. It has been traced at last to the luminous office. Mr. AHEARN for some time has State officials hurriedly undertook to A considerable number of eminent been emitting flashes of light, but on bolster up, to change, to remedy evils Republicans who sympathized with the Wednesday his good nature and satisfacwhich were in fact inherent and irre- purposes of ex-Governor Hughes, but tion became so great that he reached a

While Mr. AHFARN was endeavoring stood as a monument not merely to the islature, urging the application of the in his accustomed fashion to administer for a month trying to devise a certain method stood as a monument not merely to the islature, urging the application of the incherence of a dozen different archiprinciple of the Hughes plan to small tectural designs but to the political units first, to the nominations for Conmorals and the party sins of forty years gress and the State Legislature. Those modifications Governor Hughes de-Club, found the performance of the du-As for the architecture, it presents clined to accept at first, insisting his ties of President of this island so easy only a jumble, a beginning by one archi- scheme was a perfect whole, which would as to enlist his directing enthusiasm. tect, abandoned by a second, adopted be destroyed if adopted in part. He did Mr. AHEARN's shortcomings and wrongagain by a third. A building it was with- consent, with reluctance and against the doings were so manifest and so comout even the most primitive provision for advice of some of his supporters, to ac- pletely without plausible excuse that ventilation, het in summer beyond the cept it after the overwhelming defeat Mr. McANENY, out of the overflowing descriptions of an interno, in winter of the original or Hinman-Green bill, goodness of his heart, undertook the swept by the gales which come down This second or compromise measure was thankless task of setting him right. He pointed out that there should be no holes

since so much remains it must survive, a not earned by the original proposition. amended and reformed. Mr. AHEARN permanent witness to the spirit and to the It was with this bill as a battle issue protested and was immediately written down as one deficient in understand-Governor Hughes were able to control ing and wholly lacking in virtue. His permitted to resign the rectorship before repetition of such a disaster as occurred

the Saratoga convention. But as has tribulations were multiplied by an unbeen pointed out, this bill provided only contrite heart, and his conduct aroused property, for no one acquainted with the for a partial trial of the Hughes brand of direct primaries.

contribe heart, and his conditions of that part of the city would for a moment contemplate the interesting old church being allowed to struggle. The measure now proposed by the where, in fact, the elevation of Mr. on as it has done for years past in the Democrats resembles the Cobb bill in MCANENY and his consequent withthat it provides direct nominations for drawal from the management of the need of a Protestant Episcopal place of wor-

of modern office buildings furnishes a State as a constituency. But it does not how the office of President of the borough should be managed, billiard tables and could claim money compensation were to be rough and uneven compared Dr. E. A. White puts it in his "Church L. with the pavements of the town, and the heaven inspired civil service system entitled to assert his own rights as persons it is perhaps a cause for regret that the for all candidates, but in which no canto become a black memory to a purified

> But how changed are affairs now There are caverns wide and deep in the State. pavements; the voice of complaint is raised against the works of President with scorn and anger of the pave- in the same predicament, Trinity ments; and the courts "note" that Mr. maries demanded by Governor HUGHES MCANENY has "violated the whole spirit and accepted by his supporters in the of the civil service law." Bad pavements Legislature, a variety nowhere now in might have been repaired with explanatory statements; the groans of mere business men and the joyful shouts of wheelwrights and garage keepers might civil service law, by one who looks on it was beyond thought.

Senate; it will be attacked because it whole borough, even to its remotest will also be attacked by that very large the lighting of the highways throughout views with warrantable apprehension whatever period of official service may

> The voters of Saratoga Springs decided to day to ask the Legislature to enact a city charter deemer, \$24,000; St. Edward the Martyr, \$10, of the village providing the commission form 000; St. Mary's, Alexander avenue, \$12,000 of the viliage providing the commission form 000; St. Mary's, Alexander avenue, \$12,000 for government, with initiative, referendum and St. Simeon's, \$65,000. St. Stephen's Church, Saratoga Despatch.

It will take more than a commission, the initiative, the referendum and the recall to get rid of the Hon. EDGAR TRUMAN BRACKETT, but this is certainly a sincere

Congressman ADAM J. BEDE .- Boston Globe.

Writers upon architecture say that the Capito with its white grantic towers, reminds them of the famous Tag Mahal in India. New York Time

Taj Mullett. OPERA TICKET SPECIALATORS Amiable Word for Them by a Client Who

Is Satisfied. TO THE POITOR OF THE SUN SIR! I have been reading frequent attacks on the opera ticket speculators in THE SCN and I think that fair play requires a word on the other side. I have no

personal interest in these men. the United States anywhere from \$12 The sale interests in front of the Metropolitan to \$270 to collect one dollar of revenue. Opera House have been a service and economy to me ever since that building opened over a quar ter of a century ago. They have time and again enabled me, for an increase of a deliar or so a seat, to get good seats upstairs for from \$3 up apiece instead of the cruel \$3 demanded for lectures for full to-night on Poetry and Nature.

for the presentation of the reform bill emerged from the welter in a state of which he has prepared.

We MACVEAGH is unconscious of the men on the curb. They have also occasionally refleved men of these that I could not occasionally refleved men of the reformality this page. traditions and usages of the older and last reasonable figures. I remember one instance longer settled communities. What, for example, does he know of York, 'way are I took them back about fifteen minutes later use and that the box office would not take back down East, where it costs the Government \$201 to collect one hundred
cents of revenue through customs? NEW York, March 29

A "Call" in Newark.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The poem THE SUN of March 26, "The Pulpit Orator's of other communities. Unknown to him are all those tranquil backwaters ple were not allowed to sit among the white but had a boxed corner to the front leither sid

guired. "From the Lord," was the answer

Now, brother, excuse me, but if the good Lord had called you to a place where they only paid seven hundred would you honestly have heard

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 29.

All Hades Against the Pride of Pike TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The editorial article in THE SUN of March 27 on the political strength of the Hon. Champ Clark is suggestive of two things you may have overlooked. Ohio has ceased to be a stepping stone to the Presidency since the State Constitution was amended to give the veto power to the Governor. No Speaker has become President since Mr Polk. Uncle Joe once said: "The Speaker is fre

opportunity to make enemies in his own part men who are usually paramount in their respec-tive districts. He outgeneralled Uncle Joe when he placed the latter in a position where his only way to show his resentment was to take from Clark the privilege (*) of naming the mi

WASHINGTON, March 24. The Prize Bull of Bingley Hall.

From Daily Consular and Trade Reports Consul Albert Halstead reports that at the ecent annual sale of shorthorns at Bingley Hall a Birmingham a buil brought \$7.64.73 at auction. said to be the record price there. The animal go to Scuttand.

The Spare Room.

Bluebeard explained the Ferbidden Chamber. "It is the room for improvement." he

CHURCH REALTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It

Problems Suggested by Conditions at All Saints, in Henry Street

be an unfortunate circumstance if the venerable and very highly esteemed rector conditions of that part of the city would affairs of that organization caused a period of unprecedented cheerfulness.

Black indeed locked the forms of the rector of the parish. If the Rev. Dr. Black indeed looked the future for Dunnell resigns no steps can be taken for Mr. AHEARN. Manhattan was to see the removal of the church until a new rector was to be followed in letter and in spirit, ecclesia, and no allenation can be made to the giory and comfort of officeholder without his consent. There is an impression that when a parish is without a rector but this is a mistake. In Maryland the twenty-ninth section of the vestry act makes the Bishop the rector in charge during the vacancy, but this is not the law of this The real estate of All Saints Church is

valued at \$150,000, and of course the first suggestion will be to move the church up town; but it must be borne in mind that there are three places of worship precisely will undoubtedly be moved up to 144th street after the storm of last year is over. St. plete the exit from the storm of the storm of the street, with human occupant. realty valued at \$200,000, and All Saints It is not a very satisfactory condition of with a reverence approaching adoration. ple belonging to the parish but by the sale of valuable real estate downtown. Surely this is wrong, so wrong that when the So the Hon. JOHN F. AHEARN smiles so Church of the Annunciation was extinglowing and iridescent a smile that the guished and the rector, wardens and vestry sold the land and made the money over to the General Theological Seminary in Chelse parts, is made to shine with light. Nor Square, Bishop Potter protested, but Dr. tee" system, but this was the untested can he be restrained. Would it not be Seabury had the law on his side and the invention of a Republican Governor; it well for the city to contract with him for step was taken in defiance of the Bishop's

"Uptown" is fairly well provided with portion of the community which still the remainder of Mr. McANENY's term, churches, and some of the churches in Harlem and The Bronx are heavily burwith mortgages or debt. stance, St. Andrew's, \$100,000; St. Luke's. \$71,000; St. Edmund's, \$10,000; Church of the Mediator, \$12,000; Church of the Reformerly a downtown church with an en dowment, has now a debt of \$100,000. money realized by the sale of the sites of Clement's and All Saints should be put in the fund which Bishop Greer is trying raise for the strengthening of weak thing very near \$400,000 would be an enor nous source of strength to the diocese. Young man, read the history of your assist in starting this fund Dr. Dunnell, the wardens and the vestrymen should be ap-pealed to, and then when the fund is started the rector of St. Clement's may be willing to accept some compensation such as was given to the Rev. Dr. McConnell of All Souls for only a short time. Hitherto the policy loss of life with which such fires are at in the diocese of New York has been to tended. In this case officialdom has joined annihilate the weak church, but if Bishop the press and the public in the discussion ireer had at his disposal such a fund as the would be able to follow the apostolic in-

unction and support the weal NEW YORK, March 29. A CHURCHMAN. MUSOPHILUS IN TARHEELIA. The Poet of the Jerseys Discourses of

Poesy in Its Birthplace. From the Josephus News and Observer CHAPEL HILL, March 25. - Dr. Henry Van Dyke orchestra seals, generally in the last rows, at the box office, a sum, since this "grinding monopoly" and strove against the contention that the scope and strove against the contention that the scope of

News and Observer.
That masterly, eloquent and flowery speech of General Julian S, Carr in the House of Representatives on the child labor bill sent him several leagues farther toward the Senatorial toga, which if placed upon his brow will be worthly bestowed. worthly worn by a worthy son of the old North State. Why not send General Carr to the Senate. who pleads for the children of the rising genera-tion in whose hands in the future the helmet of the Old North State must be placed? And I with others of the western section believe

nothing less than the divine hands of Providence can or will prevent the nomination for Governor of that sliver tongued and matchless orator of the West, Hon. Lock Craig, who has never faltered when called upon in the Democratic ranks

Training a Police Patrolman.

From the annual report of the Commissioner of Police. Probationary patrolmen before being regularly assigned to precinets for patrol duty are sent to the school for recruits to learn their duties as policemen. This school, under the immediate supervision of a Deputy Commissioner, is in direct

charge of a fleutenant, who is assisted by two other

bad, lieutenants acting as instructors.

In July, 1910, the Civil Service Commission extended the probationary period from one month to six. The course in the school for recruits he has at heart. They will exhibit their eloquent decrepitude and overwhelm him in a sympathetic Congress.

Figure me, brother, but how much do the good people give you here. The minister replied "Nine hundred dollars" "How much will to the injured, the use of finger prints, drill, use you get in the new field. "Fleven hundred."

And care of the elty, the rules, regulations and nances of the city, the rules, regulations and nances of the city. The rules required to the injured, the use of finger prints, drill, use and care of the pistol, swimming, school of the

> home work and study, upon which reports are required. For the five succeeding months of the probationary term the men are assigned to precincts for patrol duty, and so get a practical knowledge of police work. At the end of each two weeks during this five months term the men eport back to the school, where they receive

> At the end of the six months course each probattonary man is reported on as to his general efficiency and conduct. Should this report be satisfactory he is then appointed to the regular During the year 1910 there were 375 men em-

ployed on probation, of whom three were rejected and five resigned, and seven men who had been quently mentioned as a Presidential possibility—until he has appointed his committees!"

The Speaker to be carefully sidestepped that making a total of 385 who received instruction. rejected during 1900 were appointed during 1910, during the year at the school for recruits

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sit: I have borne with patience the disregard of the pure idyille and soulful poetry of General Sambo Bowles, but no longer can I keep slient when I see an written down as New England's greatest post When did this Pawtucket poet ever go afield in a song coat of feathers and let the pussy willows graze his classic brow! When did he ever fle to a stormswept coast and chant the sound of the sea and describe the mighty combers making Jericho walls of sliver foam as they were whirled skyward by the rude wind?

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.

Polished Trousers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STN-Sir: A pair of trousers for which I have an affection has become somewhat glossed they are shiny, but not far enough gone otherwise to warrant their con-signment to the "ole clo" man." Can some one of your bachelor readers tell me how to remove an unwelcome shine? A PENUBIOUS HIGHEROW. BOSTON, March

PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE. It Can Be Assured Only After the Building

Code Is Amended. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. s not a safe loft building in New York, and yet any architect, engineer or contractor

last Saturday utterly impossible Architects and owners conform to the code. If they go outside the code they must face the proposition of their less conscien tious competitors staying within the code and erecting a structure costing less, and therefore renting for less, than their protected structure would cost and rent In this era of dollar chasing there is only one thing to do, so all work is done along practically the same lines. At an expens not to exceed \$350 a floor on the average protection could be assured in a ten word addition to the building code

There never was and there never will be such a thing as a safe exterior fire escape to the such a thing as a safe exterior fire escape.

There never was and there never will be such a thing as a safe exterior fire escape on buildings over six stories in height, and the average man will find it difficult to descend for even this short distance with any degree of speed an exterior open fire escape. Such makeshift safety devices inevitably become death traps for women and children.

Means for protecting life and insuring against disaster must be employed inside and not outside the structure. This can be so easily accomplished that it seems now to be up to the authorities to rule out makeshifts and employ only efficient means for the protection of life and property.

NEW YORK, March 29. ALBERT OLIVER.

Fire Drills to Empty Buildings Insisted

Upon TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There is one way only to protect life against fire in an office or factory building of the type of minimizing the time required to com plete the exit from the building of every

A "fireproof" building! Absurd. It may burn slowly, but it can burn. Check the flames if you are able, but get the people things that three of the most fashionable out on time. Persuade the Legislature to as well as the most wealthy churches in the enact a law compelling the lessees of each have been ignored; but violation of the city, Grace Church, St. Bartholomew's and New York building to hold a general fredrill conducted by our building inspectors or fire commissioners. At an appointed time, practically all employees are in the building.

practically all employees are in the building. let a test signal be given at which every occupant shall make his way to the street or other safety by means of all elevators, fire escapes and stairways which could be used in a real emergency.

Let the inspectors time the exit by the stop watch, and if the building is not cleared within three or five minutes, or the minimum time which would make a building of its character unsafe for further occupancy in case of fire, let them compel the owners to erect a sufficiency of additional fire escapes, elevator systems or stairways to make exit from that building possible within the time set by law.

E. B. M. W.

NEW YORK, March 28. NEW YORK, March 28.

Automatic Fire Extinguishers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. order to prevent serious loss of life, and in cidentally property, the authorities should order approved automatic fire extinguish ers in every factory and warehouse of any size, also in kitchens, basements and storerooms in hotels. Most of the New England factories are so equipped in order to get lower rates of insurance, and the result is that very few fires occur in those factories.

FRANCIS T. MAXWELL.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., March 28.

Possible Adaptation of a Familiar Amus ment Device.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir latest fire in a crowded New York loft build might be employed for averting the great tended. In this case officialdom has joined he adding very much to what the average man

in the street already knows.

Probably every one is agreed that the loss of life among those caught above the safe "jumping line" in buildings housing a large number of persons is unfortunately very high when these buildings take fire also equally clear that the present means for preventing this great loss of life is alto-

gether inadequate for the purpose.

These disasters have again and again McNair reminded us: That inside staircases, however ample

are subject to death dealing fire fumes and smoke, from which they can seldombe freed

dows of burning structures makes them when most needed peculiarly dangerous to travel upon.

That it is commonly to be observed in all fire panies that persons in a frenzy of fear lose their powers of self-locomotion. This was shown in the last fire, when many who had the opportunity to escape were physically unable through fear to attempt it. Their feet and hands refused to support them. According to the reports, one girl, who was miraculously saved from death by falling on a hook that held her till rescued confesses that she even felt relieved to fluid herself falling when too crazed to control her own actions.

All this suggests that the proper preventive remedy at such times must be some means of escape that is out of the path of

All this suggests that the proper preventive remedy at such times must be some means of escape that is out of the path of fire fumes; that is accessible and open at all times, and that will ofter a safe exil out of the pale of danger without the necessity of saif-leographics.

the pair of danger without the incomposition self-locomotion.

Ladders, stairways, ropes and mechanical devices that require skill in operation or which depend for their impulse upon the operation of machinery within the burning structure do not and cannot meet the actual conditions that prevail when they are most proceed.

needed.
The novelty as well as the simplicity of the remedy that suggests itself to the writer may on first sight cause it to appear foolish, but a little reflection will show that it is not a foolish suggestion. In any case it is well worth experimenting with. It offers the hope of a solution where the present schemes offer nothing better than certain and proved failure.

charge of a fleutenant, who is assisted by two other fleutenants acting as instructors.

In July, 1910, the Civil Service Commission extended the probationary period from one month to six. The course in the school for recruits covers this probationary period. During the civil service with which every visitor to Coney Island is already familiar. It may there be seen in actual operation for amusement purposes. I refer to the Spiral Side-I don't know its proper name. In form it is somewhat like a corkscrew within a tube. Such a device, properly designed, could cause the injured, the use of finger prints, drill, use and care of the pistol, swimming, school of the soldier, &c.

The instruction is supplemented by regular Caulou be equally independent.

Caulton Strong.

PITTSBURG, March 28.

The Scientific Reaper TO THE POITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: Is It poss

ble that a man can live so much unto himself as to call shaving "unscientific" because uses "F. H. J." seemed to say to-day? cause unnatural Granted that being shaved by some one else is sive, barbarous, what a man does by his own still of arm and eye is scientific. If well done. It's natural and habitual for beards to grow, but it is not scientific. They grow any old way unless trimmed. I think the man who can to the keen delight of rubbing his stubble fingers to shave it off clean, without a cut, ear to ear. Adam's apple to nose, cheekhone to jow!. in no more than seven minutes and with razor, not a plane, shows torbearance, unselfish ness, cleanliness, skill, speed and sense, and is more cultivated than the man who never trims hair or beard and goes without clothes because h rould be natural or scientific

Well, anyway I've shamed the man who con

HARTFORD, Conn., March S.

An Irish Cander's Neck Verse TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Seventy years ago near Dungannon, county Tyrone, live years ago the following verse and twelve pence party and the following verse and twelve pence

TAFT DIDN'T BACK LORIMER

It is Denied on Behalf of the President That He Ever Urged Lorimer's Election. WASHINGTON, March 29.—There was a prompt and emphatic denial to-day on behalf of President Taft of the statement that he at any time expressed a desire that William Lorimer be elected a United

States Senator from the State of Illinois. Edward Hines, a Chicago lumber merchant and a friend of Lorimer, testified before the Illinois Legislature investigat. ing committee at Springfield that Senator Aldrich had asked him to intercede with Lorimer and induce him to become a candidate for Senator. Hines testified further that the Senator from Rhode Island represented that President Tafe was desirous that Lorimer should be a candidate and anxious that Mr. Hines should prevail upon Mr. Lorimer to ente the race.

It was denied on behalf of President It was denied on behalf of President Taft that he had at any time urged Lorimer's election or asked any one to try to make him a candidate. The President was urged by Republicans in Congress at one stage of the Illinois deadlock to send a telegram to Springfield to impress upon the legislators the necessity of electing a Republican candidate, but he declined to interfers in any way. As corresponsition a Republican candidate, but he declined to interfere in any way. As corroborative evidence to sustain the statement that the President refused to take any part in the matter and particularly refused to indorse Lorimer, a part of a letter the President wrote to a friend was made public. The letter contains this statement:

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"The rumors, reports or statements that I consciously lent any of the weight of the Administration to the election of Lorimer are whoily untrue

This friend had written to the President last summer saying that there was a report current that Mr. Taft had been active in the Illinois Senatorial campaign and the President replied immediately. Still another letter was quoted to show that the President had on another occasion disavowed any interest. other occasion disavowed any intent in

Lorimer's candidacy.

The prediction was made by a Senator to-day that the Lorimer case would be reopened in the Senate shortly after the extra session convenes by the introduc-tion of a resolution similar to the one Senator Beveridge prepared, declaring Senator Beveridge prepared, declaring Lorimer's seat vacant. This prediction was based on the alleged discovery of new evidence. This Senator declared that in the closing days of Congress the distinct the closing days of Congress the distinct of the closing days of the closing day in the closing days of Congress the dis-covery was made that a large sum of money had been raised for the purpose of electing Lorimer and that the name of the man or men who furnished the money and those who carried it to Spring-field would be brought out, together with an additional list of corrupted votes. It was said that the information of these circumstances came as less into circumstances came so late in the session that it was impossible to gather the legal proofs in time to bring the newly dis-covered evidence to bear on the Senate.

HOUSE PATRONAGE. Each Individual Democrat Will Have Only

\$2,000 a Year to Give Away. WASHINGTON, March 29.-The Democrats of the House whom next Saturday's caucus is expected to select as a committee on patronage have prepared figures showing the individual Democrats in the lower branch of Congress will each have only \$2,000 a year to give away. These figures, which are proved to the last figure by Representative James T. Lloyd.

next chairman of the Committee on Ac-

counts, show that the maximum of House

patronage for members other than com-mittee chairmen cannot possibly be more than this sum The Ways and Means Committee in its report on patronage and the abolition of useless offices will recommend to the caucus that Mr. Lloyd and his associates caucus that Mr. Lloyd and his associates be named as a distributing committee; that individual members receive a pro-rata share of patronage and that each committee chairman has only the appointment of employees connected with his particular committee. The individual members in addition to the annual bit of

\$2,000 in jobs will have their present power of naming a clerk at \$1,500 a year.

At least this is the plan of the pros pective committee on patronage, and there is every indication that the caucus will adopt their plans in order to prevent to reach the highest contention that the scope and strove against the contention that the scope and strove against the contention that the scope of poerry had been narrowed by the advances of science in the ninetecritic century.

That outside stairs or fire escapes, so called, are generally less adapted for sudden excape in a pagic than are inside stairs, and that their situation in the pathway of natural scource. The old timer will be on an absolute par with the Representative who is making his initial appearance in the House. This arrangement by its novelty the formation of a "hog combined by the Lloyd plan, as it has come to be This a rangement by its novelty shocks some of the old Republican almost shocks some of the old Ret war horses in the House. Many members in the new House will, however, waive their shares of the patronage in order to give better lump sums to the older members of their delegations. Two new Kentucky members, for instance, have turned philantheopists of this char-

The \$2,000 maximum of patronage has been worked out on the assumption that there will be no abolition of House officers during the extra session of Congress While the Ways and Means Committee is expected to have a report recommend-ing the elimination of certain places at a saving of about \$100,000 a year, many Democrats will refuse to vote for it. They point out that any economy of this kind practised by the extra session will be put to the credit of the current fiscal year and will be claimed by the Republicans They urge therefore that no offices be

SULZER TURNED DOWN.

abolished for the present

To Be Deprived of the Chairmanship of the Military Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 29. - Representative Sulzer of New York is to be deprived of the chairmanship of the Committee on Military Affairs notwithstanding the fact that he is the ranking Democrat on the committee. He is to be shut out because he is regarded as too much of a jingo by the Democrats on the new Ways and Means Committee. Utterances of the New York Congressman in favor of large military appropriations were offered in evidence against him by members of the Ways and Means Committee, but it was only by a close vote that Representa-tive May of Virginia was named for the chairmanship over Mr. Sulzer. The latter, according to present plans, is to receive the chairmanship of the Committee on Pensions, on which he was also the ranking Democrat.

Democrat.
Mr. Sulzer was enxicus to succeed to the chairmanship of the Military Affairs Committee and he and his friends may make an issue of the matter before the caucus on Saturday when the resolutions of the Ways and Means Committee will be submitted for approval.

SENATE MINORITY LEADER. Senator Martin of Virginia is Likely to

WASHINGTON, March Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, who with I begin to perceive that "E. H. J." has got the Senator Bacon of Georgia is the oldest laugh on me, for he didn't mean what he said. Democrat in point of service in the sed Senate, is looming up for the caucus th your columns Friday that he spends five days and fourteen hours a year at shaving.

BATTELL WOETHINGTON.

BATTELL WOETHINGTON. party leadership. It is said that twenty-three Senators have already signed a petition in favor of the election of Senator Martin as the new caucus chairman. This is much more than a majority of the

Democrats in the Senate and would insure his election.

Senator Martin has always been identified the senator of the senator o twelve of his geese were atolen by a rollicking party and the following verse and twelve pence were tied in a bag to the gander's neck:

"Archie Reed, your name indeed.
You live here and I live yonder.
I valued your geese a penny apiece.
And left the money with the gander."
This event was recalled to me by the verses in The Sux of March 25. I was at the time about 10 years old.

T. E.

New York, March 29.